

## What Are California's Major School Readiness Programs?

	State Preschool	Transitional Kindergarten <sup>a</sup>	Head Start
Eligibility	Three and four year olds whose family's income is below 70 percent of state median income (\$42,216 a year for a family of three).	Four year olds whose fifth birthday falls between September 1 and December 1 and, at district discretion, some four year olds whose fifth birthday falls between December 2 and the end of the school year.	Three and four year olds whose family's income is below the federal poverty line (\$20,090 a year for a family of three).
Availability	Number of available slots based on state budget appropriation. Waiting lists are common across the state.	Available for all eligible children.	Number of available slots based on federal budget appropriation.
Children Served <sup>b</sup>	Approximately 157,000 children.	Approximately 83,000 children.	Approximately 86,000 children.
Provider	Public and private providers that contract with the state.	Public school districts and charter schools.	Public and private providers that contract with the federal government.
Teacher Qualification Requirements	Child Development Teacher Permit (24 units of early childhood education/child development plus 16 general education units).	Bachelor's degree and multi-subject teaching credential. (New TK teachers as of July 1, 2015 also must have at least 24 units of early education/child development, comparable experience, or a Child Development Teacher Permit.)	"Demonstrated competency to perform basic functions that . . . advance the intellectual and physical development of children. . ." <sup>c</sup>
Maximum Student-Teacher Ratios	24:1 child-to-teacher and 8:1 child-to-adult ratios.	33:1 child-to-teacher ratio.	20:1 child-to-teacher and 10:1 child-to-adult ratios.
Programmatic Standards	California's Preschool Learning Foundations.	Locally developed, modified kindergarten curriculum.	The Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.
Duration	Part day, 175 days a year. (Extended care is available for one-third of children enrolled in the program.)	Part day, 175 days a year. (Some school districts opt to offer longer-day programs.)	Part- and full-day programs offered.
Per-Child Funding	Approximately \$4,200 per child per year. (Approximately \$9,600 per year including extended care.)	\$6,270 per non-EL/LI child per year and \$7,524 per EL/LI child. <sup>d</sup>	Average of approximately \$9,100 per child per year.
Total Funding <sup>b,e</sup>	\$835 million (Proposition 98 funds) and approximately \$145 million (non-Proposition 98 General Fund).	Approximately \$600 million (Proposition 98 funds).	Approximately \$780 million (federal funds).

<sup>a</sup> Reflects Transitional Kindergarten under current law.

<sup>b</sup> Counts/amounts for State Preschool from 2015-16. Counts/amounts for Transitional Kindergarten and Head Start from 2014-15.

<sup>c</sup> *Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007*.

<sup>d</sup> Reflects 2014-15 rates under Local Control Funding Formula not including concentration funding.

<sup>e</sup> Some First 5 programs provide additional funding to support additional preschool slots in their counties.  
EL/LI = English learner/low-income.